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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WHILE IN SALISBURY WEIR
AND I BRIEFED SOUTH AFRICAN REP OLIVIER ON OUR TALKS
WITH THE RHODESIANS. THE DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, WAS LARGELY
A POLITICAL ONE.

2. I BELIEVE I AM CORRECT IN SAYING THAT WE HAVE NEVER
OUTLINED LORD CARVER'S PROPOSALS ON MILITARY ORGANIZATION
DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND THE INDEPENDENCE ARMY
TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS. NOW THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN
ELECTION AND UN DEBATE ARE OUT OF THE WAY, I WOULD THINK
WE COULD START BRINGING THE SOUTH AFRICANS BACK INTO
OUR RHODESIAN DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARING THEM TO PRESS
SMITH FOR AN ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PLAN.

3. THEREFORE, SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON OF
PROPOSAL TO THE BRITISH THAT CARVER BRIEF SOUTH AFRICAN
AUTHORITIES IN LONDON IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS HE DID
IN SALISBURY OF HIS PLANS FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD.
IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THEY WILL SEE THAT HIS IS A
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SERIOUS PROPOSAL WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE SUBSTANTIAL
ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES WHILE
AT THE SAME TIME REMAINING FAITHFUL TO OUR COMMITMENT
TO BASE THE ZNA ON THE LIBERATION FORCES. THIS WOULD
BE A KEY ELEMENT IN OBTAINING THEIR SUPPORT, I SHOULD
THINK, AND THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN TIME TO DIGEST THE
IMPORTANCE OF WHAT LORD CARVER IS SUGGESTING BEFORE

WE ASK THEM FOR SUPPORT.

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